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Mr. Robert L. Shortley

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Dear Mr. Shortley:

At the request of Congressman Wolf's office, we have looked into planting additional 8-10 feet juniper trees at the rear of your property facing our building.

We have been advised by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) that the trees which have already been planted in the area are the largest that can be planted with any degree of confidence they will survive. In addition, against the advice of the VDOT horticulturist, the contractor was ordered to decrease the space between the existing plantings to give the Evermay community more trees than were originally planned. Reducing the spacing gives the short term effect of greater initial density but reduces the long term density by inhibiting the "filling out" of each individual tree.

In sum, as many trees of the largest size have been already been provided, we will not be able to plant any additional trees.

Sincerely,

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William M. Baker

cc: The Honorable Frank Wolf
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